



# Berewood Bulletin

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## Issue 6 – week of 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Headteacher's update



### Attendance

Autumn Term 2021

Whole school	95.25%
Reception Y1, Y2	96.1%
Years 3-6	94.6%

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### PTA Christmas Shopping Days

Huge thanks to the PTA and their army of helpers who wrapped and wrapped presents and then supported children during the shopping days last week. This event was completed in record time and was no mean feat. The PTA update later in the bulletin shows just how much we have made.

#### Staff Changes

We say a big Berewood welcome to Mr James O'Beirne who joins Year 5 Orion Class ready to cover Miss Jones' parental leave early in January next year.

We also say hello to Miss Lacey Neal who joins Year 6 Peake Class so that we can release Mrs Nelson to help support the development of the curriculum across the school from January 2022.



4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	INSET day, school is <u>closed</u> to pupils
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	First day back for all pupils after the Christmas break.
15 January	Year R applications for September 2022 close today
17 January	PTA meeting (online), 7.45 p.m.
20 January	School census (spring)
7 February	Children's Mental Health Week

### Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19

From Tuesday 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 is being introduced (including until the end of this term).

- All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Daily testing by close contacts will help to slow the spread of COVID-19.
- Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 will help protect education settings by reducing transmission and will also help keep pupils in face-to-face education.
- Once notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible staff, pupils and students should take an LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the [Online Reporting System](#) and to their setting.
- If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting. Outside of the education setting, they should continue to follow the advice set out in the [Sunday 12 December press release](#). **This approach should also be adopted over the winter break and on return in January.**
- If they test positive, they should self-isolate and [order a PCR test](#) to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.
- For primary aged children [LFD test kits are available through the usual routes](#) (community test sites, local pharmacies or online).
- Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.
- Anyone over the age of 18 years and 6 months who is not vaccinated, must isolate in line with government guidelines if they are a close contact of a positive case.

### PTA Update



Firstly we would like to thank you all for taking part in the Rainbow Raffle! Both for all the generous donations and the amount of tickets purchased. Together we raised an amazing **£570** towards the Outside Stage for the school.

Secondly we hope all the children enjoyed doing their Christmas Shopping. It really is lovely seeing them get excited and choosing their gifts. Thank you to everyone who helped over the two days and also all those who helped with the wrapping. We couldn't do it without you. Together this raised approximately £585 towards the Outside Stage which is amazing.

We hope the children also enjoyed their Christmas lunch yesterday, wearing their Christmas Jumpers, hearing from Santa and receiving a small gift from him.

Can you please look out for an email from school regarding the PTA Facebook page/Consent to Share. This page will be reviewed from January 2022 and we will need a Consent to Share form to be completed by every parent to stay a member of the page.

Finally we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We hope to see you at our first meeting in 2022 on Monday January 17th at 7.45pm. With your help we can arrange another year packed with lots of great fundraisers and events for the children.

Stay safe

The PTA Committee

## PE from January 2022

Due to the new variant and advice from the government, from January we will go back to children coming to school in their PE Uniform as was the case last summer term.

### PE uniform for all pupils

Our Berewood PE uniform consists of;

Winter PE uniform	Summer PE uniform
Black tracksuit bottoms or leggings	Black or purple sports shorts (not cycling or leisure shorts)
A white or purple t-shirt	A white or purple t-shirt
A black or purple sweatshirt or hoodie	A black or purple sweatshirt or hoodie
Black plimsolls or trainers	Black plimsolls or trainers

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. Being part of the Berewood school community is very important, and wearing the correct uniform is key to this. If your child does not have the correct PE uniform we will contact you. As always, thank you for your support with us, in an ever changing world, we know it isn't easy but you have all been so flexible and understanding, so thank you again.

### PE Days

Monday	Year 1	Year 3	Year 6
Tuesday	Year 2	Year 4	
Wednesday	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Thursday	Year 2	Year 5	
Friday	Year R	Year 1	Year 6

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**Class cover**

From January there will be some changes to class cover. Please see below a list of the people who provide cover in our school. As much as possible we use adults who are familiar to our children.

		
Mrs J Coates	Mrs S Palmer	Mrs L Jacobs
		
Mrs S Nelson	Mrs L Annalls	Mrs M Carter
		
Mrs L Keable-Hallitt	Mrs R Potter	Mr R Leigh

As the term draws to a close at school it's our chance to wish you a **very merry Christmas and all best wishes for the new year**. These remain tricky times but let's hope, when we return in January, that things look a little brighter. I sincerely hope so.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the team at Berewood, Growing Places, Active8, HC3S our caterers and Churchill's the cleaning team for their hard work and efforts during this autumn term. Here's hoping you have a lovely festive break.

**All best wishes, Mr Ricky Leigh, Headteacher**

